

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Amended) An apparatus for labeling key tags, the apparatus comprising:

a key tag having a first side and a second side wherein the first side and the second side accommodate a label thereto;

an at least one opening positioned between the first side and the second side wherein the opening is integrally formed on the key tag and further wherein said opening accommodates a key ring; wherein said opening and said first side and said second side of said key tag are a fabricated in a single piece construction unit; and

a pre-formatted label card wherein the label card has a plurality of labels contained thereon wherein the labels may be affixed to either of the first side or the second side of the tag.

2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the key tag is composed of plastic.

3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the key tag is composed of metal.

4. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the first side of the key tag and the second side of the key tag are indented to receive the label.

5. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising: a second opening in the tag between the first side and the second side wherein the second opening accommodates a key ring.

6. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the pre-formatted labels are printed with information downloaded from a website.

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the pre-formatted labels are affixed to the key tag by an adhesive.

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the pre-formatted labels are printed by hand by an individual.

9. (Currently Amended) A key tag labeling system comprising:

a key tag having a first opening integrally positioned thereon to accommodate a key ring and a surface to accommodate a label wherein said key tag having a first opening and a surface to accommodate a label are a single edifice;

a label having a first side and a second side wherein the first side is adhesively secured to the key label and further wherein the second side of the label is printable thereon; and  
a downloadable program for label preparation.

10. (Original) The key tag labeling system of Claim 9,  
further comprising:

a key tag having a second opening on the tag wherein the second opening accommodates a key ring.

11. (Previously amended) The key tag labeling system of Claim 9 wherein a card label sheet has a plurality of pre-formatted labels contained thereon for printing by a computer.

12. (Original) The key tag system of Claim 9 wherein the labels are printed manually by an individual.

13. (Original) The key tag system of Claim 9 wherein the software program includes custom formatted designs printable onto the labels.

14. (Original) The key tag system of Claim 9 wherein the software program includes custom formatted images.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for labeling a key tag, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a key tag having a first side and a second side ~~wherein and~~ an opening is provided positioned between the first side and the second side for accommodating a key ring ~~wherein the opening is integrally formed in association with the first side and the second side of the key tag as a single piece unit;~~

providing a label to identify the key;

providing a indentation on at least one of the first side and the second side of the key tag for receiving the label wherein said first side and said second side of the key tag are fabricated in a single piece construction; and

providing downloadable software to support printing of information on the label.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising the step of:

providing a second opening for accommodating a key ring.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising the step of:

providing a label with a first side and a second side wherein the first side has an adhesive and the second side is printable thereon.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising  
the step of:  
printing information on the label.

19. (Original) A method of Claim 15, further comprising the  
step of:  
affixing the label to the key tag.